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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1837

INFO AMCONGEN HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC HONOLULU

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9810

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, TH, VN

SUBJ: THAI CONCERNS RE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS

1. FRENCH EMBASSY BANGKOK HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS OF LATE OF RENEWED THAI CONCERN OVER QUESTION OF AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FRENCH ARE PLANNING TO PROVIDE VIET-NAM, ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBOFFS. MOST RECENT OCCASION WAS ON MAY 4 WHEN FRENCH EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA EUROPEAN DIVISION CHIEF. RATHER THAN ASKING THE LATTER QUESTIONS, THE FRENCH DIPLOMAT FOUND THE THAI ARMED WITH A NUMBER OF HIS OWN, TURNING A ROUTINE 15-MINUTE MEETING INTO ONE LAST 90 MINUTES. BESIDES INTERROGATING HIM IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL CONCERNING ACHIEVEMENTS OF SRV PRIMIN PHAM VAN DONG'S RECENT VISIT TO PARIS, THE THAI OFFICIAL ALSO INQUIRED KNOWLEDGEABLY ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF FRANCE GOING COMMUNIST AND ABOUT FRANCE'S INDIAN OCEAN POLICY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO VIET-NAM, THE THAI OFFICIAL MADE THE POINT THAT THE RTG IS CONCERNED BOTH ABOUT THE LEVEL OF

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FRENCH AID TO VIET-NAM AS WELL AS THE EXTENT TO WHICH FRANCE MAY BE EMBRACING THAT COUNTRY OVERALL MORE THAN IT IS DOING THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. THE THAI ALSO ASKED THE FRENCH TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES IF AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO CONVEY TO THE SRV THAILAND'S FRIENDLY INTENTIONS TOWARD THAT COUNTRY.

3. SAME FRENCH EMBOFF, WHILE WAITING FOR HIS APPOINTMENT,  
ENCOUNTERED AN MFA OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH SOUTHEAST  
ASIA WHO TOLD HIM THAT, AS RESULT OF MEETINGS WITH LAO  
AND VIETNAMESE DURING ESCAP PLENARY, RELATIONS WITH LAO  
ARE NOW IMPROVED TO SUFFICIENT DEGREE WHERE ACTION MAY  
BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THAI-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS.  
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